

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION, et al.,

Defendants,

and

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION
AUTHORITY, et al.,

Defendant-Intervenors.

Before: Leo M. Gordon, Judge

Court No. 2:23-cv-03885

MARK SOKOLICH, in his capacity as the
mayor of Fort Lee and a resident of Fort
Lee, and RICHARD GALLER, individually
and on behalf of all others similarly
situated,

Plaintiffs,

Court No. 2:23-cv-21728

v.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION, et al.,

Defendants.

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ORDER

Presently pending before the court is a letter application, ECF No. 77, by Plaintiffs Mark Sokolich and Richard Galler ("Sokolich Plaintiffs") in Sokolich v. U.S. Department of Transportation ("Sokolich"), Court No. 23-cv-21728, and as amici curiae in State of New Jersey v. U.S. Department of Transportation, Court No. 23-cv-03885, for an order to show cause to (1) lift the stay in Sokolich to permit further proceedings therein, including the presentment of a discovery plan, and (2) grant the Sokolich Plaintiffs standing as a party in all further proceedings, including any pending appeals therefrom, in Court No. 23-cv-3885, where they currently appear as amici curiae. See Sokolich Pls.' Reply, ECF No. 81.

The Metropolitan Transit Authority and the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority, Defendants in Court No. 23-cv-21728, and Defendant-Intervenors in Court No. 23-cv-03885, responded via letter. See ECF Nos. 78 & 82. The Federal Government responded via a memorandum of law. See ECF No. 80. The court then conducted oral argument. Therefore, upon consideration of these filings, the oral argument, and all other papers and proceedings had in this action; and upon due deliberation, it is hereby

ORDERED that the Sokolich Plaintiffs' letter is denied.

/s/ Leo M. Gordon

Leo M. Gordon, Judge
U.S. Court of International Trade
(sitting by designation in the District of New Jersey)

Dated: January 23, 2025
Newark, New Jersey